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SUBJ: IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

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1. ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 18, I WAS TELEPHONED BY A GENTLEMAN WHO SAID HE WAS FROM CHAD AND NEEDED TO SEE ME URGENTLY. I SAID I WOULD RECEIVED HIM AT HOME. HE SAID HE HAD NO TRANSPORTATION. I SENT HIM THE DUTY CAR.

2. ONE HOUR LATER, TWO CHADIANS ARRIVED FOR TEA. ONE INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS GENERAL NEGUE DJOGO AND THE OTHER AS HOMSALA G. OUAUGHMOTCHING, AMEBAASADOR TO EGYPT. THE GENERAL PRODUCED WHAT PURPORTED TO BE THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE RELAYED FROM PARIS WHICH SAID I HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO INDUCE IRAN TO GIVE CHAD THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT IT REQUIRED AND TO TELL THE IRANIANS IT SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF A GIFT.

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3. I SAID I HAD NO SUCH INSTRUCTIONS BUT WOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM WASHINGTON. THE GENERAL ASKED IT I COULD GET THE CLARIFICATION PRIOR TO HIS CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT 1600 SUNDAY. I SAID I WOULD TRY.

4. I THEN ASKED IF THE GENERAL HAD CALLED ON THE FRENCH

AMBASSADOR. HE SAID HE HAD NO SUCH INSTRUCTIONS. I SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA. HE SAID HE WOULD ASK N'DJAMENA.

5. BEFORE LEAVING, THE GENERAL, WHO IS LIVING IN A SUITE AT ONE OF TEHRAN'S MORE EXPENSIVE HOTELS, WITH A THREE MAN MISSION OCCUPYING THREE SEPARATE ADDITIONAL ROOMS THERE, SAID HE NEEDED A LITTLE "AIDE FINANCIERE" AND ASKED ME FOR TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. I SAID I WOULD ASK WASHINGTON.

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS POSED REFTTEL, I AM AMAZED BY THIS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE ASSUMING ACTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FATE (AND THE PERSONAL FINANCES) OF THIS RESIDUAL FRENCH COLONY, OF QUESTIONABLE SIGNIFICANCE OR VIABILITY. WHEN I AM IN WASHINGTON NEXTWEEK, PERHAPS SOMEONE CAN EXPLAIN THIS NUBIAN NEO-COLONIALISM TO ME.
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